## **Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. A method for encoding digital data in a hardcopy rendering of an invisible image defined by at least one circularly asymmetric dot pattern, said method comprising:

modulating said dot pattern in accordance with said digital data; and rendering said modulated dot pattern into a tiled cell block of predetermined color, size and pixel density on a recording medium, thereby producing said hardcopy rendering of the invisible image with said digital data encoded thereon.

- 2. The method of claim A1, wherein the predetermined color is yellow.
- 3. The method of claim A1, wherein the predetermined size is a 12 x 12 matrix.
- 4. The method of claim A1, wherein the predetermined pixel density is 2%.